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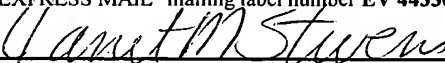
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NUCLEIC ACID IN A SAMPLE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.